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To whom it may concern

I wish to state my opposition to the propose Microsoft settlement. While I applaud the benefits of helping poor school districts, I'm completely opposed to a solution that will further enhance Microsoft's dominance and encourage further monopolistic behavior.

Wasn't this entire case about Microsoft using unethical tactics dominate the market? Hasn't it been proved that these tactics damaged many businesses as Microsoft forced their own products down the throats of users there by eliminating competition? Wasn't the purpose of this entire trial about promoting CHOICE?

It appears that one again, Microsoft has determined the choice for all of us

As a Macintosh user, I can't tell you how many times I visit web sites only to be told that features on the site are not available to me and only to Windows users. Did anyone address this issue?

How can there be parity when the playing field slopes in MS's direction?

Lets face it, this proposal is full of holes that Microsoft will take advantage of to dominate the educational market. If it allowed to stand as dictated by MS, there will be no alternative operating systems within 5 years.

Please consider this before siding with Mr Gates and Company

Sincerely

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